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# LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

VICKSBURG, October 22, 1870. To the Editor of the New National Era: DEAR SIR-Inclosed you will find a communication that appeared in the Vicksburg Herald (Democrat) of the 6th instant, also one which appeared in the Times and Republican of the

mesis, and the subject it has under consideration, you will perceive in much plainer character than I have the words to express, the same the last ten years of the history of our country. It is, indeed, a lamentable sight to colored men of the nation to see that there is yet many who co'ored schools of this or some other city. have not yet profited by the lessons of the war, lessons taught under such circumstances as to give them a safe place in the minds and memories of the thinking men of the country.

North and South, white and black, it is a truth, thank God, that this nation, like God, is not a respector of persons. When we think on the inconsistency of our inveterate enemies, (politically,) the Democratic party ; of the many schemes and plans of that party to cultivate a feeling of depending confidence on the part of the colored man, a state of feeling which can never exist in the minds of the men while the song, and flowers, where the magnolia blooms in all its freshness and beauty, and the sweet notes of joy-deluged in blood; the son's hand has been raised against his aged sire; the gentle sister has bid her darling brothers go on in the mad and futile effort of eradicating from the in the hosts of his country's defenders, and fair and beautiful land, with all its comforting liberty-stands out blindly against the deci- Schools of the city of Vicksburg! sions of fate, the wrath of Jehovah.

It is our earnest wish, the wish of every true-hearted colored man, from the Mississippi to the Rio Grande, that confidence in truth and look on each other with feelings of distrust and envy, hatred and scorn; that the strong shall in the strength of the strong, a place in the heart of the rich, and the blessings of education from the cultivated minds of the wise. It is one of the worst effects of the vehemence of faction, which has recently agitated the nation. that it tends to withdraw the attention altogether from works of permanent literary merit, and, by presenting nothing to the mind but a constant succession of party discussions, both such creatures. to disqualify it for enjoying the sober pleasure of rational information and under the great work which is calculated to delight, and improve the species known only to a limited class of readers. The conceit and prejudice of a large portion of the public increases just in propor- To the Editor of the New National Era: tion to the diminution of real information. By to compensate mankind for all the darkness, ciple for gold. treasure, and blood of the rebellion. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. W. WALTON.

COMMUNICATION.

The City.

Editor of the Times & Republican. That human affairs are now undergoing a great and desirable alteration, that we are in a transition state of society, where changes are constantly taking place, and the old levels are being upheaved or displaced by expansive power from beneath, is universally admitted. While the popular advocates look upon this as the commencement of a new era in social existence. as the opening of a period of knowledge, free- Presidents: H. C. Molson, Norwich; Wm. S. dom and general happiness, in which the "negro," freed from the fetters of Democratic ty- town. fellowman, but whose delight is in the amount the formation of colored organizations, it is inexplicable. of filth and venom that they can cast upon deemed absolutely necessary that the annual those who don't pander to their wishes or fall convention of colored people should be held for down and worship their worse than wooden the purpose of instruction in the peculiar duties "what is the meaning of the words cherubim tees of the public schools. Why, pray? Is A committee of three to issue a call for a State Scriptures?" "Cherubim," replied his father, not the poor black child of the South to be edu
Educational Convention, to be held in New is a Hebrew word signifying knowledge; ser
less. Mr. Rice makes it a full thousand pie. I here are nearly two-third in it than in Paris, and one fourth more popu
why the man is almost a saint who can pray brothers? Are they not to know that they have a country? Yea! the fairest and brightest the colored people from hotels, workshops, and likewise excel in loving God." "I hope then," each way, but Governor Morton only gets \$359 the circuit near to you, till He says, Hall building, called "Hagar," and executed the colored people from hotels, workshops, and likewise excel in loving God." "I hope then," each way, but Governor Morton only gets \$359 the circuit near to you, till He says, Hall building, called "Hagar," and executed the colored people from hotels, workshops, and likewise excel in loving God." "I hope then," bringing the circuit near to you, till He says, Hall building, called "Hagar," and executed perous country; they must not know that this is their country, and that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country they must not know that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country, and that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country, and that this is their father's country they must not know that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country they must not know that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country they must not know that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country they must not know that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country they must not know that this is their father's prietors, &c., and calls for a bill securing their country water father is about to baptize at the hands af chartered corporations, hotel proportions, botel proportions, bote

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'nig" will find out that his or her father was a the South, and in habitually maligning and scion of some respectable southern family; and caricaturing colored people in the North, the that his father may be one of those who speak so-callen Democratic party preserves a wicked with scorn of the ignorant and degraded negro. persistence with its former championship of Oh, ye gods! who, I say, who is to superin- Slavery, and proves itself wholly undeserving tend the mental and moral training of the bas- the suffrage of colored voters, either North or tard sons and daughters of the Southern chiv- South, and of all the good and truly patriotic having known heroes such as he, whom the war alry? You may be hopeful of a return of that citizens. condition of society when this country will be The la wrapped in ignorance, vice, and superstition, but with the wise government of a Republican | denominations, and the conductors of the religiadministration, with the dissemination of intel- ous press, to labor for the extinction of the spirit ligence and education among the masses of the people, your hopes will become as your power An additional resolution, indorsing the Repubnow is, "one of the things that were." The lican platform and ticket, was received with From the tone of the communication of Ne- stronghold of Democracy (the prevalence of great enthusiasm and long continued applause ignorance) has become untenable; it is as a

ity whose walls are beaten down. I will not condescend to notice, for, if my mind ticket was cast aside on the ground that "a vile and unjust spirit that has made remarkable and memory do not play me false, the author of that article may be found oftener than once a year engaged in the very pleasant (to him) | Committee of 32 members was then appointed. work of increasing the number of pupils for the Very respectfully, G. W. WALTON.

> COMMUNICATED. Trustees of the Public Schools.

As great interest is being felt by our people in regard to the opening of the Public Schools of this city, I have no doubt that the recent appointment, by the City Council, of six Trustees has been noted with due attention.

The tax payers of this city form a very in significant and unimportant element in the population of Vicksburg, and hence, their wishes are utterly ignored. Heretofore, gentlemen of known character and intelligence have usually been selected for such positions. Democratic party remains as it is-the party but until recently, I never heard that any one of venality and corruption. We have seen this | was an applicant or candidate for such a place. one of the lairest of all lands- a country of love, It was left for the "civilization" recently imported from the North, to inaugurate amongst us "rude barbarians" this improved practice.

I have had an opportunity of judging somesongsters of the sunny South warble forth their | what of the style of men who can apply for such positions, and with a few honorable exceptions, the Councils seems to have acted upon the old horse mill practice, of "first come first

Our sapient city rulers, the dignified gentlehorizon of human liberty our glorious banner- men who hold their positions by a naked act of the emblem of the free; the other to seek a place usurpation by a negro Governor, seem imbued with the idea that they, too, must pander to the illiterate and negro element. As a consequence they to dare to do or to die if necessary that no of this degrading survility, Messrs. Baum, star shall fall from its field of blue, nor no stripe Kuhn, Muller, etcetera, have in their wisdom be torn from its place, again hovers over our appointed a couple of stalwart negroes as School Trustees! The Hon. Wash Walton, a negro, a few years since a bungling carpenter, influences. Some of the citizens of this chas-tened and scourged land—this land baptized in Judge Springer, and Mr. Gus Newton, for the blood of her slaughtered sons, made holy many years a very capable, and, we will add, most respectful—while a slave—carriage driv-tors. and saved in the righteous cause of universal er, are two of the Trustees of the Public

able Mayor and Council, composed of Webber, a "so-called" General, all in a horn!) Baum, Kuhu, Muller, et it omne. These last three are taxpayars, each and all; but do they not know right should be such that we will no longer that in agreeing or consenting to the appointment of Wash. Walton and Gus. Newton, a couple of ignorant negroes, to the position of School Trustees they are committing a gross not oppress the weak; but the weak, the poor, and most indecent outrage upon the people of and the ignorant shall find hope and security Vicksburg? We have no hesitation in saying they have perpetrated an outrage on common | thus : their hearts' content. We have a profound contempt for cowardice, per se; but when the most paltry cowardice-cowardice abject, degraded, and blustering-is allied with sycophancy and corruption, we have no words with which to measure our scorn. The deep sea line of contempt and loathing is not long enough to reach

Letter from Texas.

NAVASOTA, GRIMES CO., TEXAS,

DEAR EDITOR: As I am anxious to have you incessantly studying journals, when the advan- know how we are getting on here, and the prostage of the spread of knowledge is sedulously pects of the Republicans, I thought I would inculcated, they imagine that they have obdrop you a line or two. It is true that we are tained that knowledge, because they have read in the majority in this State, and that we have those journals, and by constantly abusing a noble Governor as a leader; but our Legislathose whom they stigmatize as opposing the ture at its last session failed to meet the exlight of truth, they come to forget that no one pectations of the people, so much so that I opposes it so effectively as those who substigreatly fear that our State will follow North tute for its study lucid flames of Democratic Carolina at the next election. Our leading men at the very lowest calculation, \$3,000,000,000 flattery. It is, therefore, with sincere and in the Legislature proved themselves corrupt, not to the bloated bondholder, of whom we have heartfelt joy that I turn from the turbid and and sold themselves for gold. They were all, impassioned stream of political dissention to with a few exceptions, crazy on railroads-men, the pure fountains of literary genius, from the too, of whom we had looked for better things. vehemence of party strife to the calmness of I wish you would look at the Central Pacific philosophic investigation, from the works of Railroad bills, and see who voted against the ephemeral celebrity to the productions of im- Governor's vetoes, and let us know what you mortal genius. Yet, steadily resisting, as I hope think of the men who voted for them. I am I shall ever do, the fatal march of Democratic anxious that you should look into them for it had the right to "forage on the enemy;" but innovation and encroachment, I shall never be several reasons. One of them is, your paper the Democratic proposition now is, that every found wanting in yielding respect, praise, and has a large influence in this State, and the adsupport to the splendid achievement of Repub- vice given by it can come from no other than a Democrat's authority for saying that the amount lican ideas and Republican principles; and, in pure motive. If you can get some of our North-required will be three millions of dollars! the turn that the tide of political speculation ern friends to come here and help us to educate has taken among the most elevated minds of and build up the colored people that they will the nation, I am not without hope that the first not sell themselves for gold, try and induce rays of the dawn are to be discovered which is them to come, for there is a bright future for

> I shall do all I can for your paper. I shall try to send you at least twenty five subscribers between this and Christmas.

> > JAS. H. WASHINGTON.

Colored Voters' Convention,

Meeting in Syracuse-The Spirit of Caste-Republicans and Democrats

Delegates representing the 18,000 colored voters in various part of this State assembled n Syracuse on Monday afternoon. The Rev. H. H. Garnett, of New York, occupied the chair, with the following gentlemen as Vice

ing back-water of politics those who, inheriting leader to follow in Stewart L. Woodford, and from their parents and from a past age distin- will stand by him. After speeches from Mr.

sun ever shown upon. No! they must be kept places of amusement; the second states that said the little boy, "when I die I shall be a a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,867, and received been added to its population since 1851. in perpetual ignorance; they must not know that many years of blood and toil marked the abolish political proscription, it should go on all things."

said the little boy, when I die I shall be a a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received while the Republican party has done much to seraph; for I would rather love God than know abolish political proscription, it should go on all things."

Stand the little boy, when I die I shall be a a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received while the Republican party has done much to seraph; for I would rather love God than know about your business and your daily makes his distance 1,200 miles shorter, and obtained to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received about your business and your daily makes his distance 1,200 miles shorter, and obtained to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received while the Republican party has done much to seraph; for I would rather love God than know about your business and your daily makes his distance 1,200 miles shorter, and obtained to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received while the Republican party has done much to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received while the Republican party has done much to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received while the Republican party has done much to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received while the Republican party has done much to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a year. Dr. Fitch reported \$2,007, and received the little boy, while the Republican party has done much to its population at the little boy, when I die I shall be a year. Dr. Fitch republican party has done much to its population at the little

children? Are you afraid that some little ing colored voters and their political friends at

The last resolution declares that it is the duty of clergymen and professing Christians of all of oppression which now distinguishes society. on the part of the entire Convention. A resolution expressing indignation at every colored The personal parts of the article in the Herald voter who failed to support the Republican colored man had as good a right to make a fool of himself as a white man." A State Central An "Address to the colored voters of the State." denouncing Tammany and Democracy in general, sustaining the Republican, platform and ticket, and calling on the colored people to work with harmony and not to be intimidated in the coming struggle was read. The Convention then adjourned. - N. Y. Tribune.

The Population of the Globe.
There are on the globe 1,288,000,000 souls divided thus:
Caucasian race
Mongol race
Ethiopian race
Malay race
Indo-American race 1,000,00
There are 4,642 languages spoken, and 1,00
different religions.

The yearly mortality of the globe is 333,333,-333 persons. This is at the rate of 91,554 per day, 3,730 per hour, 62 per minute. So each pulsation of the heart marks the decease of some human creature. The average of human life is 32 years.

One-fourth of the population die at or before the average age of 7 years; one-half at or before Among 10,000 persons, one arrives at the age 100 years; one in 500 attains the age of 90,

and one in 100 lives to the age of 60. Married men live longer than single ones. In 1,000 persons, 95 marry, and more marriages occur in June and December than in any other months of the year.

One-eighth of the whole population is military. Professions exercise a great influence on longevity. In 1,000 individuals who arrive at the age of 40, 42 are priests, orators or public speakers; 40 are agriculturists, 33 are workmen, 32 are soldiers or military employees, 29 advocates or engineers, 27 professors, and 24 doc-

Those who devote their lives to the prolonga-

The following are the numbers of the different

Those in the Christian churches are divided 

#### The Democrats Propose to Pay Rebel Claims.

One of the mest insidious and dangerous and probable modes of destroying the national credit under the Democratic rule would be the payment, or attempted payment, from the National Treasury of all Southern claimants for losses inflicted by the war. This is not an inference-for it is boldly avowed by leading Democrats in both branches of Congress. In April last, during the pendency of a bill introduced by Mr. Howe, of Wisconsin, to pay "loyal citizens for quartermaster and commis sary stores during the rebellion," a Democratic Senator, Mr. McCreery, moved to strike out the word "loyal," and supported his motion by an earnest speech. On the 21st of May, Mr. Knott, of Kentucky, an able, frank, and fearless gentleman, one of the leaders on the Democratic side of the House, speaking on this subject, used the following language:

But, sir, this is not all, nor half. I have been speaking of only so much of our debt as we have given our notes for. Besides this we owe. heard so much, but to a class of our people to whom, of all others, we are under the most sacred obligation to pay. We owe it to the poor, whose horses and cattle and sheep and hogs and corn and wheat, and everything else, were taken from them to support your armies

in the field." If the Union army had the right to make war for the maintenance of the Government, rebel in the South shall be paid for what he lost during the war, and we have a leading

## Curiosities of Figures.

Much has been said of late about the remarkable repitition of certain numbers in nadestined, under a Republican administration, every one that will come who will not sell printure and history; and the following may serve as an interesting supplement. The figure 9, says a German writer, plays an especial role in Baltimore, Troy; James H. Derrick, Coopersthors and men of science, we have: Gmelin, among its patrons and teachers; and not posterent course. Another man, finding himself ranny, is to arrive at an unprecedented state Mr. Garnett, in taking his seat, said that the Reinhold Forster, 1729; Ritter, 1739; Laplace appeals can only reach the public through the misapprehension, to the enemies of his country. cation; denied all intercourse with foreign naof social felicity, the Democratic party every- Republicans had given the colored men a ticket and Jenner, 1749; Osiander, 1759; Alexander press. It needs \$35,000 at present, and if any- might have thought it his duty to resign office, tions; drained of their little gains for royal where regard said changes as fraught with the and a platform which they can heartily indorse, von Humboldt and Cuvier, 1769; Oken and body wishes to show his desire for the improve- rather than by indiscretion and conspiracy to and ecclesiastical tribute; shut up to the worst possible effects to all classes of society, and it now remains for them to do their part of Berzelius, 1779; Neander and Daguerre, 1789; ment of the Freedmen, this appeal offers a thwart the first important act the Government wretched superstition taught by an ignorant and to none more immediately than those to the good work. The party which predicted the Schlick and Ifland were born in 1759; Rommost suitable opportunity.—New York Tri he belonged to had undertaken for its own pre- and irreligious priesthood, and coerced to abwhom they are so closely allied, the old, rotten, ruin of the country if the negroes were allowed berg, 1769; Rossini, 1779; Overbeck, Schadow, bune. Southern aristocracy; and while they grumble, foam, fret, and complain of the things that are "done under the sun," time "rolls on in its ored voters must learn how to avoid bribery, markable connection is also supposed to exist ceaseless march," leaving in the surging, eddy- and fraud, and treachery. They have a noble between figures and the four most important years of German history, 1812, 1830, 1848, and Congress since the rebel Democracy have been 1866. They all have an interval of eighteen guished for the prevalency of corruption and William Wells Brown, of Boston, and the Rev. years, or 2x9 from each other. Add now the venality in high places, all the passions and William F. Butler, of New York, the Conveningures 1, 8, 1, 2, and then 1, 8, 3, 0; in both prejudices that were fostered and taught by partizan Democratic leaders, I am not surprise olution stating that this should be the last sep
3; now add the figures 1, 4, 4, 8, and 1, 8, 6, "In 1859, when the Democracy were in power to subject, and gives the following as the result:

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"In 1859, when the power to subject, and gives the ed at anything spoken by one of those, who arate State convention of colored voters was 6; we get in each case by addition 21; that is, the mileage of Senators amounted to \$75,911; never knew aught else but injustice, oppression voted down, and a substitute adopted stating 2, 1, the sum of which is also "3," also one of in 1869, with six more Senators, it was but and flagrant disregard of the rights of their that though there was no further necessity for those numbers whose remarkable repetition is \$29,312 40. In the House the mileage in 1859

weeping while all around thee smile. Contrive distance of 4,000 miles; his successor, Mr. Rev- 100,000 intoxicated people taken every year off ers, and send these terrible words, "Thy will be The success of Miss Lewis shows that we may

#### Col. Chenoweth.

Harper's Weekly pays a graceful tribute to Secretary Welles' Story in the Galaxy-The the memory of Col. Cheneweth, who died last summer while U. S. Consul at Canton. Few of us knew him, but some of us are fortunate in found out for us, and it is good to repeat their

Bernard P. Chenoweth was born in Virginia. His father was a clergyman and a slaveholder, and removed afterward to Indiana. The boy was studious and observant, and from the first | we have the following facts: perceived the true character of the slavery in he midst of which he was reared, and resolved to do what he could to overthrow it. In the were received at Washington, with the intelsummer of 1860 he had just left a college in ligence that his supplies were nearly gone, and the only English Republican paper out of St. istration had for its first great practical prob-Louis. He offered to contribute what money lem, under Mr. Lincoln's promise "to hold he had, about \$800, to write, and to learn to occupy and possess the forts of the United set type. After the election of Mr. Lincoln, States," the rescue of Sumter from siege and hostility in Missouri to everything Republican impending fall. became hatred, and the three young men, W. W. Wilder, from Massachusetts, F. M. Tracy, from Missouri, and Chenoweth, from Virginia, s, rapidly rose to be Inspector General, and served least be attempted; and that the Government

00 his generals would not spare him. The war left him stricken with consumption. 00 He tried farming near St. Louis, and failed. 00 He had friends in Wordester, Mass., and his own evident fitness and charming character, with the most generous letter from General Grant, made the young Virginian Superintend ent of Schools in the very heart of Massachusetts. But his physicians told him that his only chance of life was a softer climate. He rented a place near Richmond, his native State: bought two or three cows, and supported his family by peddling milk. He was better and happy; and, when General Grant became President, he appointed Chenoweth Consul at Canton. "I met him at Washington, then," writes a friend. "He was living on pawned watches and rings-his wife's hopeful, reading up China; but painfully short of money for dinners for himself, wife, and two children." During his brief residence in China Col. Chenoweth had won the highest respect and regard of all with whom he had relations of any kind. But his disease was too deeply seated, and he died in the early summer, at the age of thirty, leaving a wife and three children destitute of all but his ennobling memory.

#### The English Burial Laws.

The English burial laws lately received a Manchester Examiner. He says: "On Monday, the 12th instant, a young wo-

day in a class, and who had visit and prayed with her twice a day for nearly a week before her death, I was invited by the bereaved parents to attend the funeral, at which the law, as it at present stands, would permit me to do no more than mourn. I accepted the invitation, ser, the curate, who asked me if I had charge of the funeral, and had the certificate. I referred him to the proper person, and passed on, After the service in the church was ended, and the mourners were assembled round the grave. the curate proceeded with the reading of the appointed form. I was, at this time, standing reverently near him, following the service, but keeping my hat on; because I hold views similar to those held by the Society of Friends about funeral customs; and because the state of my health requires me, in this northern climate, to protect myself from the cold wind. The Rev. R. Corser had got as far in the service as the words, 'I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me,' when he stopped his reading. and shouted to me across the grave, 'Take off your hat. You ought to take off your hat. The law requires you to take off your hat. The Bible says that you ought to take off your hat. Even if you are an infidel, you ought to take off your bat. Common decency tells you to uncover. You ought to respect our feelings.' All the time that these sentences were being pawled at me, I stood silent, respecting the service and the occasion, and, I may add, the law, much to speak. I was, however, strongly tempted to tell the clerical brawler that I was minister of the Gospel, his senior in the service of our common Master, and quite as disposed as himself, or more so than himself, to respect the feelings of the mourners around. Finding that I took no notice of him, he resumed his reading. My friends, members of my congregation, who were with me, were most distressed at hearing their minister called an

The circumstances under which the colored render it imperative that the mental and moral development of the Freedmen should be cared for. We have given them the privileges of tan from the Sumter expedition were carefully citizenship; we must educate them to a thor- kept from him. He knew nothing of them unlarge cities the evils of government by the re- to Mr. Lincoln, found him entirely ignorant presentatives of the ignorant classes. The net that he had signed orders having any such efhe has that desire for self-improvement which carried out. The President at once directed history, and it is remarkable that a great num- they lack, and if proper facilities are afforded Mr. Seward to telegraph to Brooklyn without ber of the birth days of the celebrated men of him for acquiring knowledge, he is sure to make a moment's delay, restoring the Powhatan to the 18th century end with the figure 9. He an immeasurably better citizen. The head- Captain Mercer for the relief of Sumter. Mr. brings the following examples in proof of his quarters of efforts for this salutary end are at Seward sent the dispatch in his own name, not assertion, placing the year of birth after the Washington. Gen. Howard, who is at the as the order of the President; and although it name: Glenn was born in 1719; Lessing, head of the most of the different institutions was sent after the vessel in a tug, it was not re-1729; Schubert, 1739; Goethe, 1749; Schiller, which have this end in view, has recently sign- garded. The Powhatan sailed for Pensacola. 1759; Arndt, 1769; Ochlenschlager, 1779; ed a circular expressing his hope that the and the expedition to Charleston harbor was Ruckert, 1789; Heine, 1799. The examples Island Institute may succeed in collecting the made hopeless from its start. can be considerably increased by including non funds to carry out its branch of the undertaking. Taken in connection with Mr. Seward's de-Germans also. Jerusalem and Johnson were It supplies to the 30,000 colored persons of the claration to Judge Campbell that faith had been born in 1709; Lichtwer, 1719; Lebrun and District of Columbia some portion of their de- kept in the matter of Sumter, the whole story Goldsmith, 1729; Chateaubrand, Robert Burns ficiency in respect to industrial, evening and is intelligible. He had promised that Fort and Caroline Pichler, 1769; Van der Veld, Sunday schools, library, reading, and social- Sumter should not be relieved; and he took Streckfuss and Fanny Tornow, 1779; Cooper meeting rooms, lectures on familiar subjects, care that his promise should be kept, although and Deinhardstein, 1789; Kopisch, Balzac and and concerts. It is not denominational, though his duties to the President and to his colleagues Puschkin, 1699. Then looking among the au- all evangelical denominations are represented in the administration seemed to require a dif-1709; Kastner, 1719; Moses Mendelssohn and sessing the facilities of such connections, its bound by a promise of this kind, given under a

#### Congressional Mileage.

out of power is remarkable. A letter writer

in round numbers was \$363,000; in 1869 \$159,- ance Album, will give an idea of the magnitude 000. The mileage has been reduced one-half; and condition of the city of London : "Papa," said a son of Bishop Berkely, but this is less than that. The distances have London is five times more populous than gods. They object to the colored men as trusdevolving upon the newly-enfranchised citizens. and seraphim, which we meet in the Holy used to charge 4,000 miles from Washington to Petersburg, twice as populous as Constantino or our "Monarch," or even "Our Creator," they aphim is another word of the same language, tance 3,500 miles, while Mr. Drake now reports lous than Pekin. It contains as many people that. You read "Thy will be done," and you stick. with the things that will in coming time make Four resolutions were then adopted with ap- and signifies flame. Hence it is supposed that 1,500. Mr. Gwin, of California, used to receive as Scotland, twice as many as Denmark, and say to yourself "O, I can pray that," and all the liberty as sweet to them as to their pale faced plause. The first deplores the continued ex- the cherubim are angels who excel in knowl- about \$6,000 for mileage; Mr. Cole now receives three times the number of Greece. Every time your mind goes round in immense circuits

#### FORT SUMTER.

Attempts to Relieve Fort Sumter in 1861 Mr. Seward's Diplomacy-A Strange Ac-

"Another such victory, and we are lost, cried Pyrrhus, on the banks of the Siris. Mr. Seward's first attempts at diplomatic intrigue, as Mr. Lincoln's Secretary of State, ended in a success of the same kind, if Mr. Gideon Welles' account of it, in the last Galaxy, may be accepted as the whole truth. On this authority

On March 4th, 1861, the day of Mr. Lincoln's inauguration, dispatches from Maj. Anderson Indiana, and came to St. Joseph, in Missouri, that unless provisioned within six weeks he where two other young men were publishing must abandon Fort Sumter. The new admin-

Mr. Seward had been for some months in it. timate intercourse with members of Mr. Bu chanan's administration, and in communication were indicted for publishing an "incendiary with leading rebels in Washington. He at sheet." They retired to Kansas, and when the once took the ground that Sumter could not war began the Virginian and Missourian raised be reinforced, and probably ought not to be the first company of the first Kansas regiment. provisioned. Gen. Scott, too, thought the relief Chenoweth was captain and Tracy lieutenant. of the fort was impossible. But Mr. Blair was Both served through the war. Chenoweth confident that it could be done, and must, at upon the staffs of Generals Grant and Sherman. would fall into contempt if it continued Mr. He was offered the command of regiments, but Buchanan's feeble course; and all the Cabinet. except Mr. Seward, were at first inclined to agree with Mr. Blair. The President, after long discussions, deter-

mined that an attempt must be made to provis- reflected on the waters the effect is almost mag- whose one undertaking is to shut up the dramion the fort; and that, if resistance were made, the rebels would thus assume the responsibility of beginning the conflict. Mr. Seward oppos- on a canvass field. ed this step, but the President was resolute; all the rest of the Cabinet agreed with him; the proper orders were given. The war steamer are transformed into the strongest resemblance Powhatan, then just arrived at New York and of dreamland realities. The lofty mountain ordered out of commission for repairs, was setops, the irregular ranges of the hills, the inlected as the flagship of the expedition; and terminable stretch of the forests, and the endorders were given by telegraph on April 1st to less variety of cliff, crag, valley, bluff, penin- the dramshop. We shall not need to cast a prepare her for service at once. Three other sula, island, and farm house or villiage dottings large vote to win over the Republican Party to vessels were to accompany her, and Capt. Mer- are bathed in grotesque tints. cer, of the Powhatan, who was to command the whole expedition, received on April 5th con- ing glories, nor the delicate flickering shades of ishing of slavery. And so a mere handful of

Meanwhile, the informal communications between the Secretary of State and rebel emis- enchantments cannot equal, and a fascination | self from utter ruin by the dramshop. saries continued. Judge Campbell, of the Su- in its freaks that holds the spectator spell-Seward, and a constant correspondence with the atmosphere a camera; and by the quaint from this rum ruin that is upon her. Four milhim; as the Judge afterward asserted in writ- firmament lights are produced, pictures more ing, Mr. Seward gave him, and through him like phantasies than real objects of light. Enthe "Confederate Commissioners," certain as thusiasm can scarcely be an exaggerator in this great boon could the colored people possibly the "Confederate Commissioners," certain assurances concerning the action of the Government. On March 15 the Commissioners were assured, as they believed, "by authority," that Rev. W. C. Squier, of Stand, near Manchester, days." On April 1st they were informed that ena, are agape with wonder and admiration in horrid a type of slavery is this which the milthere might be an attempt to provision the fort, this case. Even when, as is sometimes the lion suffer than that from which the four milbeforehand. The last named information, as starlight, they prefer the auroral to the moon- as nothing compared with the drunkard's enman was buried at Stand Church. As her Judge Campbell asserts, was given him in writ- light. Last week this display was extraordi- slavement of both body and soul. Heavy as ing by Mr. Seward. But on the 7th of April Judge Campbell became alarmed at the naval of the West Point Highlands, and rendering they were, nevertheless, light compared with the preparations making, and wrote to Mr. Seward them almost as luminous as the clearest early chains which bind this million. Every vote for about them, and Mr. Seward answered, "Faith dawn of day. Navigators claim it as a great

This answer seems to be explained by the pathway. - New York Globe. course of events. Mr. Seward, after protesting in vain in the Cabinet against any effort to reieve Sumter, insisted that notice should at Navy had adopted the plans suggested by Capt. G. V. Fox for the relief of Sumter, and had given orders to prepare the vessels, Mr Seward went to the President "with two or three young orders dictated by Mr. Seward, and written out | dbm than their folly. in the next room by these young men, but which the President himself did not read nor at all understand. He yielded to the pressing representations of Mr. Seward that they were neces- life, but a flea always larger.

Department, in place of Capt. Stringham, with the mean opinion they have of themselves; in independent control of many clerks. This women, from the contrary. would practically deprive the Secretary of the whom he knew and could trust, and of the most | seldom or never reclaims the vicious. important and delicate powers of his own office, a few days later, abandoned his flag and took a vinced himself. rebel command, only to be made prisoner of war after a few months by the very man, Capt. Stringham, whom he was now designing

of superseding Captain Mercer in the command of the Powhatan, of giving that vessel to Lieutenant Porter, and of sending her to Pensacola harbor instead of Charleston. It so bappened retary of the Navy having already sent relief | the universal practice is for the second. to Fort Pickens, which had reached the fort The Welfare of the Colored Race. several days before the Powhatan was seen

once revoked by the President, upon his reough fitness for their position. We see in our til late at night on April 6th. He then went gro starts with better morals as well as better fect, and still in the belief that the orders given politics than the lower stratum of Democracy; by Mr. Welles, and approved by him, would be

servation. But Mr. Seward doubtless thought, ject obedience by the perfected machinery of as a politic statesman, that his own services the fearful Inquisition, so that instead of inwere more important to the Nation than the crease their numbers had diminished at the end Sumter expedition; and feeling that his per- of the Spanish rule. And this was the result The reform in the mileage of members of sonal honor required that the country should of three centuries of absolute despotism under lose one or the other of them, he chose to ren- the joint sway of Rome and Spain. der the relief of the fort impossible, rather than deprive the Nation of his future labors. Hisfrom Washington has been investigating this tory will decide whether he chose wisely for

## Facts About London.

The following facts taken from the Temper-

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crime; 30,000 thickes and receivers of stolen goods. There are 10,000 public-houses and beer shops, frequented regularly by 500,000

In every 800 of the population one is insane. There is one baker for every 1,206 persons: one butcher for every 1,553; one grocer for

1,800; and one policeman for every 668 inhab-On the other hand, out of 60,000 London Arabs, 30,000 are at the ragged schools. There are 400 Bible women; 308 city missionaries,

and 20 thousand persons attending public worship in the theaters every Sunday evening. Everything, in short, both for good and evil, is my old age. on a gigantic scale; but after all the advance made of late years, it is evident that the evil has still greatly the advantage.

#### Sensation in the Sky.

If the good folks of ancient superstition have two weeks, they would have no lack of "signs ing lights; pale and flushed, tinted and murky, or one even steady glare. Generally these would be fan-shaped, springing from a Northern indescribable beauties. The rolling billows ing to secure its ultimate ascendency. seem like bars of sapphire, emerald and topaz; and the crested waves like showers of pearls and diamonds. When the vessel's outlines are the New York State Anti-Dramshop Party. ical, and one can scarcely restrain the delusion that it is a real picture of gigantic dimensions

On the Hudson river the display is even more wonderful. The Highlands and Pallsades

Neither sunset gleams, nor the sunrise mornrelief, variety, and aid in lighting their steering

#### Sayings of Dean Swift.

We present below a batch of the wise and and at last obtained the President's assent to witty sayings of Dean Swift, now collected in Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being eminent.

> An idle reason lessens the weight of the good ones you gave before. Some men take more care to hide their wis-

> Sometimes I read a book with pleasure, and detest the author.

Elephants are always drawn smaller than I never wonder to see men wicked, but I of ten wonder to see them not ashamed. Love of flattery, in most men, proceeds from

The preaching of divines helps to preserve Navy of his confidential adviser, Stringham, well-inclined men in the course of virtue, but

Positiveness is a good quality for preachers and substitute, as his counsellor, and almost as and orators, because he that would obtrude his his master in the department, a man whom he thoughts and reasons upon a multitude will the freedmen will be disfranchised and even realready suspected of treason, and who actually, convince others the more as he appears con- enslaved if at some election the Democratic

I have known some men possessed of good qualities, which were very serviceable to others, but useless to themselves; like a sun-dial on the gained their freedom and the ballot-and is it front of a house, to inform the neighbors and

too strict an inquiry. It is allowed that the cause of most actions, good or bad, may be self-love of some men inclines them to please others, and the self-love of others is wholly employed in pleasing themselves. This makes the great distinction between virtue and vice. Religion is the best motive of all actions, yet religion is allowed to be the highest instance and murderers-be shut up!

## Romanist Rule in Mexico.

The following, taken from good authority, shows the workings of Romanism in Mexico under the Spanish rule :

pire in 1520 began the Spanish rule, lasting another three hundred years. During this long period the kindred despotisms of Spain and and priests, held this land and its people as a joint possession, appropriating the products of sonal and civil advancement; left without edu-

#### The Lord's Prayer.

prayer were to be stopped in every word very well, that is another kind of stick. Someuntil he thoroughly prayed it, it would take a times when a boy is doing an example he gets life-time. Our Father-there would be a wall stuck, and that is another kind of stick. Somea hundred feet high in just these two words to times when a horse is going along in muddy shrunk.' Thus Mr. Johnson, of Arkansas, New York, four times more populous than St. most men. If they might say "Our Tyrant," Little Rock ; Mr. Rice makes it a full thousand ple. There are nearly two-thirds more people could get along with it, but "Our Father"-Resolved, That in persistently opposing the most fearful prayer to superintend the education of our little and interest and the success of th

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#### Letter from Gerrit Smith to His Colored Brethren.

PETERBORO, Oct. 26, 1870. To the Colored voters of the State of New York: I trust you will admit that my labors and sacrifices for your race in my earlier years have earned for me the right to offer you advice in I deeply desire the death of the Democratic

Party. I know, however, but one way to kill it-and that is to kill the dramshop. Its life is emphatically in the dramshop. Perhaps, you desire its death as deeply as I do. Nevertheless, it is but too true that you, or at least the most of you, are, in effect, at work to keep it looked skyward during the nights of the past alive, andto gain for it a no-distant triumph, For as all who vote with the Republican Party and wonders." Scarcely ever, our most vener- make themselves responsible for the upholding able authorities declare has there been such a of the dramshop, so do they make themselves continuous and brilliant Auroral display as this | guilty of supplying the Democratic Party with season. On the moonless nights the heavens its life-blood. The dramshop is, indeed, a have been ablaze with darting flickers and glow. | mightier weapon in the hands of the Democratic than in the hands of the Republican Party. Nevertheless, the one no more than the other. dares to dispense with it-dares to demand the base and spreading out their radiance, in either suppression of dramselling. Just so long, then, direction, beginning at the twilight hours, and as the Republican Party goes for maintaining progressing in quantity and power until mid- and multiplying dramshops, just so long is it, night, then fading away at the early dawning and all who vote with it, chargeable with keepof the day. On the ocean this exhibition has ingalive the Democratic Party and contribut-

Turn away then, my friends, from both the Republican and Democratic Parties, and join shop. With your help we shall, a fortnight hence, roll up a vote so large, as to induce the Republican Party to adopt our anti-dramshop principles. Then shall we have a Republican Party worthy for us to return to-and tens of thousands of decent Democrats will accompany our return. Then shall we have a Republican Party without a rival-a Party that has put to death the Democratic Party by putting to death our ground. A mere handful of abolitionists were sufficient to push up the nation to the abolfidential orders from the Secretary of the Navy twilight, nor the star-glistenings, nor moonlight temperance men-real and not sham temperance radiance can compare with this. There is a men, acting and not prating temperance menwitchery in the tints of Aurora that all other | would suffice to arouse the nation to save her-

The colored people are under especial obligapreme Court, had frequent interviews with Mr. bound. The placed river seems like a plate, and tion to work for the salvation of our country lions of their race have been recently emanci-"Sumter would be evacuated within a very few usually make little comment on any phenom- return, let them bear in mind how much more but that Gov. Pickens should have notice of it case, clouds intervene and partially dim the lions are delivered. The slavery of the body is narily brilliant, penetrating the grim shadows | were the chains which the four millions wore either the Republican or Democratic party being a vote to uphold the dramshop, is necessarily a vote for making fast these chains. On the other hand, every vote for the anti-dramshop party goes to loosen them. Do not, my colored brethren, so vote as to incur the charge of ingratitude for the emancipation of the four millions, and of recklessness of the rights and

Another special claim for your help in this case grows out of the fact of the frightful progress of intemperance amongst the emancipated slaves. Information is coming continually from the South that rapidly increasing numbers of them are sinking themselves into a slavery immeasurably worse than that from which they had escaped. Their last state may be even worse than their first. In the light of the fact that the dramshop is so fast impoverishing and demoralizing the freedmen, how can you consent to vote with parties which still cling to the dramshop?

I do not ask you to forget that the Republican party was for the freedom of your race, and the Democratic party against it. They were then as unlike at that point as they are now alike in their policy of upholding the dramshop. But I do ask you not to listen to the insulting as well as nonsensical declarations, that party should (as it is now certain it cannot at the next) become a majority. I call such declarations insulting to the freedmen. They have not to insult them, and that too most grossly, to represent them to be so feeble and pusillanimous as to surrender these priceless possesvenge himself of the censure of the world-to sions? The French and Spanish learned in St. despise it, to return the like, or to endeavor to Domingo that the African, though so passive live so as to avoid it; the first of these is in slavery, is the most terrible of all men when that she was not needed at Pensacola, the Sec- usually pretended, the last is almost impossible, it is sought to wrest from him the blessings of freedom. The infamous "white man's party" The motives of the best actions will not bear will, if it shall ever attempt to rob of their rights our Africa-descended freemen, learn a Although the order for Captain Barron's apresolved into the love of ourselves; but the than that which was learned in St. Domingo. You and I were agreed that it was for the life of the nation that slavery should be abolished. May we be also agreed that it is for the

Your friend in the past, and your friend in

life of the nation that the dramshop-that great

manufactory of paupers, incendiaries, madmen,

We have given place to the foregoing address from the pen of our valued friend Gerrit Smith, not because we endorse the advice he gives to the colored voters, which we think very ill-timed and out of place, at this particular juncture in the politics of the State of New York, but because of the high character, and effective ser-Rome, always represented by Spanish rulers vices he has rendered, through a long life, to the cause of our people. We know of no better way for our party to break up, and destroy the tion for their own aggrandizement and power. Democratic party, which is essentially the Dram-With the spoil thus obtained the church of shop Party in the country, than to vote directstone churches and convents, in which were If the New York State Anti-dram Shop party gathered millions of gold and jewelry. The must have votes in the coming election, the people were impoverished; denied every pre- white voters of the State of New York can more viously enjoyed right and opportunity of per- consistently give them than can the colored oters of that State

A Boy's Composition .- Boy's have an odd way of taking off grown up people's peculiarities-among others, their methods of putting themselves in print. The Trumansburg Sentinel gives the following specimen of a boy's omposition at the Academy in that place: STICKS .- There are a great many kind of sticks in this world, some big and some little. Some are sticky and some are not. There are large sticks of wood, and that is one kind of sticks; and there are little bits of sticks, and that is another kind of sticks. Some people when they are handling money, it sticks to their I used to think the Lord's prayer was a short pockets, so that is another kind of stick. And prayer; but as I live longer and see more of the there are sticks of liquorice and candy, they life. I begin to believe there is no such thing as are another kind of sticks. Sometimes when a getting through it. If a man in praying that boy or man is riding a horse they don't stick on weather he gets stuck in the mud, that is another kind of stick. There is a river, named styx, and that is another kind of stick. That is all I can think of now so that is another